

August 2016 – Mayor’s Message

I’ve realized that being environmentally conscientious is an ongoing learning process. I’m always learning new ways that I can recycle and reuse to help with the preservation of resources. Some of the dearest people in my life are my grandchildren, and I certainly want to do whatever possible to preserve the environment so they can continue with a high quality of life. Also, I want to protect this beautiful city and help it expand in the manner that our former city leaders envisioned. To have the economic expansion, but keep the environment and recreational opportunities available, is challenging at times.

We recently tried to combine a list of the programs where the city is making a difference by conserving resources, educating the public or providing services for residents to help in recycling. Below are a few of the items. The list was very long, greater than I had anticipated. It not only involves our businesses and homeowners, but several include education in the schools.

- Weekly curbside recycling
- Glass recycling bins – Murray Park (east of the Park Center) and Germania Park (south parking lot at 1060 W. 5300 South)
- Green waste trailers (can be arranged by calling 801-270-2440)
- ABOP (antifreeze, battery, oil and paint) drop off location (Murray Public Services Building at 4646 S. 500 West)
- Wood chip distribution, these chips (when available) are redistributed to residents at no charge. They are delivered on a first come, first served basis by calling 801-270-2440.
- Leaf and Christmas tree drop-off and recycling
- Alternative Fuel Vehicle Executive Order
- Vehicle Idling Policy for employees
- Asphalt and concrete recycling for road projects
- Storm and groundwater reuse at the Golf Course
- Landscaping policies promoting conservation, including xeriscaping
- Using the methane gas at the landfill to provide energy for approximately 2,800 homes
- Power department conservation website and app for resident to monitor their energy consumption and conservation
- Shade Tree program providing reduced rate on street trees
- Budget allocation from Nation Energy Foundation to teach energy conservation in Murray Schools.
- Recycling education in the Murray Journal - “Small Impact, Big Changes.” (look for the one in this edition dealing with recycling metal lids)

One of our projects this year in the Murray Park Amphitheater parking lot was installing new light poles using LED lights (see below photo). The goal is to place similar lighting throughout Murray Park before the end of summer.



Recently I was asked at a neighborhood meeting how much it would cost to run a light overnight. I thought you might find this information interesting, here are the costs from our power department.

Watts	Type of Bulb	Daily Cost*	Monthly Cost
10 W	LED	\$0.0072	\$0.22
14 W	CFL	\$0.01008	\$0.31
60 W	Incandescent	\$.0432	\$1.31

*Based on 8 hours of use

I know as we work together to protect and preserve our environment, we will not only become more aware of what we should do, but what we can do. Thank you for making "Murray City, a City Without Equal."

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Ted Eyre in blue ink.

Ted Eyre, Mayor